



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 1637

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TADASHI OKAMOTO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/764,050

Filed: January 19, 2001

For: DETECTION/QUANTIFICATION
OF TARGETED NUCLEOTIDE
CHAINS, AND DETECTION/
QUANTIFICATION OF MULTI-
FOLD NUCLEOTIDE CHAINS
BY FLUORESCENCE

Examiner: J. Tung

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, the period for
response having been extended three months from July 2, 2004 to October 5, 2004 by the
accompanying Petition for Extension of Time with fee.

Claims 1 to 26 are in the application, of which Claims 1 and 20 are
independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

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